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C O N F I D E N T I A L RABAT 2186

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR CY XR

SUBJECT: MOROCCAN AND ZAIRIAN CLAIMS ABOUT INTERNATIONAL  
INVOLVEMENT IN SHABA INVASION

REF: (A) STATE 089722, (B) RABAT 2183

1. IN ADDITION TO THE CHARGES OF CUBAN/ANGOLAN INVOLVEMENT  
INSIDE SHABA WHICH KING HASSAN MADE IN HIS APRIL 18 PRESS  
CONFERENCE (REFTEL B), HE ALSO CITED AS "EVIDENCE" A  
TELEGRAM FROM HIS FIELD COMMANDER IN ZAIRE WHICH CLAIMED  
THE CAPTURE OF SEVERAL CASES OF ANGOLAN CURRENCY.

2. SEMI-OFFICIAL LE MATIN CORRESPONDENT REPORTING FROM  
ZAIRE REPORTED IN APRIL 21 EDITION THAT TWO PRISONERS  
HAD ENTERED ZAIRE FROM ANGOLA AT THE BEGINNING OF MARCH,  
IN UNITS STAFFED BY CUBAN INSTRUCTORS. WHEN THEIR UNITS  
HAD RECEIVED THE ORDER TO ADVANCE, THE CUBANS HAD RETURNED  
TO "REAR BASES LOCATED NEAR THE ANGOLAN FRONTIER". IN  
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ADDITION, THE ARTICLE CLAIMED THE CAPTURE OF SOVIET-ORIGIN  
SMALL ARMS AND MINES, MLPA INSIGNIA, AND "CUBAN" ANTI-TANK  
MINES.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH KING HASSAN IN HIS APRIL 18 REMARKS  
SPECIFICALLY CHARGED CUBAN PRESENCE INSIDE ZAIRE, SUBSEQUENT  
LOCAL PRESS PLAY MAY BE BACKING AWAY SOMEWHAT FROM SUCH

A CHARGE. WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT THERE IS STILL NO  
FIRM EVIDENCE OF CUBAN PRESENCE WITH KATANGAN FORCES INSIDE  
ZAIRE AND TEND TO CHALK THIS FLURRY UP TO BATTLEFIELD  
PROPAGANDA. MEANWHILE, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN ANY  
CONCRETE EVIDENCE THE GOM MAY HAVE OF CUBAN/ANGOLAN  
INVOLVEMENT INSIDE ZAIRES.  
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